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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES  
TO THE  
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before this joint committee on issues of concern to towns and cities.

**HB 5295 "An Act Concerning Municipalities and Prescription Drug Plans"**

Among other things, HB 5295 would allow towns and cities to join a state employee self-insured prescription drug plan.

**CCM supports HB 5295** as it would provide local governments with a much-needed option, of which they can voluntarily avail themselves, through such a state program. Municipalities will best be able to control rising health care costs if they have before them a menu of options so they can choose what works for their specific situation, including the proposal found in HB 5295 – the option to join a state plan for prescription drug coverage.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report HB 5295 as a reasonable option for towns and cities.



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